



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Robert Greene Sterne
Jorge A. Goldstein
David K.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin
Michele A. Cimbala
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sckohl
Eric K. Steffe
Michael O. Lee
John M. Covert
Robert C. Millonig
Donald J. Featherstone
Timothy J. Shea, Jr
Michael V. Messinger
Judith U. Kim
Jeffrey T. Hevey
Eldora L. Ellison
Donald R. Banowitz

Peter A. Jackman
Brian J. Del Buono
Mark Fox Evans
Vincent L. Capuano
Elizabeth J. Haanes
Michael D. Specht
Kevin W. McCabe
Glenn J. Perry
Edward W. Yee
Grant F. Reed
Virgil Lee Brastan
Theodore A. Wood
Joseph S. Ostraff
Jason D. Eisenberg
Tracy L. Muller
Jon E. Wright
LuAnne M. DeSantis
Ann E. Summerfield
Helene C. Carlson

Cynthia M. Bouchez
Timothy A. Doyle
Gaby L. Longsworth
Lori A. Gordon
Laura A. Vogel
Bryan S. Wade
Bashir M.S. Ali
Shannon A. Carroll
Anbar F. Khal
Michelle K. Holoubek
Marsha A. Rose
Scott A. Schaller
Lei Zhou
Young Tang
Christopher J. Walsh
W. Blake Coblenz*
James J. Pohl
John T. Haran
Mark W. Rygiel

Michael R. Malek*
Carla Ji-Eun Kim
Doyle A. Siever*
Ulrike Winkler
Bryan L. Skelton*
Paul A. Calvo
Robert A. Schwartzman
C. Matthew Rozier
Alexandra K. Pechhold
Registered Patent Agents*
Karen R. Markowicz
Matthew J. Dowd
Katrina Yujian Pei Quach
Julie A. Heider
Mita Mukherjee

Scott M. Woodhouse
Peter A. Socarras
Jeffrey K. Mills
Danielle L. Letting
Lori Brandes
Steven C. Oppenheimer
Aaron S. Lukas
Gaurav Asthana

Of Counsel
Edward J. Kessler
Kenneth C. Bass III
Marvin C. Guthrie
Christopher P. Wrist

*Admitted only in Maryland
+Admitted only in Virginia
•Practice Limited to
Federal Agencies

November 30, 2007

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:
(202) 772-8547

INTERNET ADDRESS:
VCAPUANO@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Art Unit 1616

Attn: Mail Stop Amendmnet

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/591,673; §371(c) Date: June 13, 2007
For: **Method for Combating Weeds**
Inventors: **DOLLINGER et al.**
Our Ref: 2400.0710000/VLC/DAS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action is the following document:

1. Preliminary Amendment.

The above-listed document is filed electronically through EFS-Web.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Vincent L. Capuano
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 42,385

VLC/DAS/tc
Enclosures

753793_1.DOC